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SUBJ: PORTUGAL CORN

REF: (A) STATE 035464; (B) LISBON 765; AND (C) TOFAS 19

1. DR. CARDOSA DA SILVA, DIRECTOR, CEREALS INSTITUTE, MAKING INQUIRY THROUGH OFFICIAL GOP CHANNELS TO DETERMINE ORIGIN OF CORN PURCHASED FROM ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT. CEREALS INSTITUTE WILL MAKE NO COMMENT UNTIL REPLY RECEIVED. (CEREALS INSTITUTE'S REPLY WILL BE REPORTED AS SOON AS RECEIVED.) GOP PROPOSED PURCHASE APPROXIMATELY 400,000 MT CORN AND 200,000 MT SORGHUM FROM U.S. (REF C) IS SEPARATE AND NOT RELATED IN ANY WAY TO ROMANIAN AGREEMENT.

2. COMMENT: DUE TO POLITICAL SENSITIVITY OF SUBJECT DA SILVA RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS UNTIL OFFICIAL INQUIRY ANSWERED, BUT APPARENTLY HIS FIRST KNOWLEDGE THAT U.S. WAS SOURCE FOR SOME OF CORN PURCHASED FROM ROMANIA WAS IN DISCUSSION WITH NOVOTNY IN LONDON. HOWEVER, DA SILVA DID SAY THAT AT TIME OF PURCHASE CEREALS INSTITUTE UNDER IMPRESSION CORN WOULD BE PROVIDED FROM ROMANIA, BUT THAT CONTRACT DID NOT MENTION SOURCE. ALSO AS
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CONTRACT WAS WITH ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT, PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT NOT INVOLVED IN EFFORTS ROMANIAN COMPANY TO OBTAIN CORN FROM

U.S. DA SILVA CONTINUES TO STRESS THAT CEREALS INSTITUTE UP-
HOLDING AGREEMENT WITH USDA REGARDING PORTUGUESE GRAIN
PURCHASES. (AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE INTERPRETS THIS STATEMENT
AS DENIAL THAT CEREALS INSTITUTE HAS ATTEMPTED TO CIRCUMVENT
USDA LIMITATIONS BY GOING THROUGH THIRD PARTY.)
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